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NEW DETAILS TEXAS REDISTRICTING

High court to review Texas vote maps

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in spring about how Texas redistricted after census. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE / ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lower court found 11 districts – two for Congress, nine in state House – biased against minorities.

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With elections looming, the U.S. Supreme Court announced Friday that it will review two lower-court rulings that ordered Texas to redraw 11 political districts found to be discriminatory.

Texas officials appealed the August rulings, which invalidated two congressional districts and nine Texas House districts, saying they were intentionally formed by Republicans in the Legislature to discriminate against minority voters, who tend to favor Democrats.

Friday's decision to combine the Texas cases and hear oral arguments in the spring came almost four months after the Supreme Court, acting on a Texas request, blocked the lower court's efforts to begin redrawing the districts to allow time to consider whether to review the rulings.

The stakes in the case are high. Texas voters will choose candi-

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NEW DETAILS CAPITAL METRO CEO

Cap Metro favors big-city experience in choice for CEO

Clarke rose through ranks in large, complex Boston transit agency.

Randy Clarke said a priority will be revising bus routes to combat falling ridership.

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Randy Clarke grew up in Pictou, Nova Scotia, a tiny coastal town with no buses and no passenger rail.

But Friday, after the Capital Metro board had voted to make the transit association executive its next president and CEO, board Chairman Wade Cooper said it was Clarke's subsequent life and work in the big city that made the difference.

"The board was very excited about Randy's experience in Boston, at a large, complex transit agency," Cooper said, referring to the six-plus years that Clarke, 40, spent rising through the ranks of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, the country's fifth-largest transit provider with more than 1 million bus and

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IMMIGRATION

Left, right lambaste Trump over immigration remarks

Tweets deny vulgarity; deal is uncertain with shutdown 8 days away.

By Jill Colvin and Alan Fram
Associated Press

Trump

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Friday denied using certain "language" during a private meeting with lawmakers as fury spread over his comments about immigrants. But neither he nor the White House disputed the most controversial of his remarks: using the word "shithole" to describe Africa nations and saying he would prefer immigrants from countries like Norway instead.

Trump's comments came during an Oval Office meeting where he questioned why the U.S. would accept more immigrants from Haiti and "shithole countries" in Africa as he rejected a bipartisan immigration deal, according to

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STATESMAN IN-DEPTH PUBLIC SAFETY

FBI agents assist in the search for evidence on FM 539 after the Nov. 5 killing of more than 20 First Baptist Church parishioners in Sutherland Springs. "After the attack in Sutherland Springs, around 150 FBI employees were working on the case either from the scene, a regional field office or in Washington, D.C.," Christopher Combs, special agent in charge in the FBI's San Antonio division, said. JAY JANNER / AMERICAN-STATESMAN

Mass violence spurs closer FBI, local ties

Deadly events such as in Sutherland Springs changed approach.

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Columbine. Newtown. Sutherland Springs. There is not a single place in this country bucolic enough that it is immune to violence on a scale that could be enough to cripple local first responders.

Authorities acknowledge that the threat of so-called mass casualty incidents has fundamentally changed training, preparation and relationships among small policing jurisdictions and their big city and federal counterparts. It was evident in the cross-jurisdiction response after the Nov. 5 killing of more than 20 First Baptist Church parishioners in Sutherland Springs, one of hundreds of such incidents in the United States since 2000 and one of the deadliest.

Christopher Combs, special agent in charge in the FBI's San Antonio division, said the 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., prompted the White House to task

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MASS KILLINGS
Some of the nation's deadliest mass shootings since 2012 include:
- **Las Vegas**, Oct. 1, 2017: 58 dead, more than 500 wounded.
- **Orlando**, Fla., June 12, 2016: 49 dead.
- **Newtown**, Conn., Dec. 14, 2012: 26 dead.
- **Sutherland Springs**, Nov. 5, 2017: 26 dead; about 20 others wounded.
- **San Bernardino**, Calif., Dec. 2, 2015: 14 dead; more than 20 wounded.

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U.S. asks more leeway to secure border land
Request to Congress seeks to speed up construction of wall sought by president; critics say it will damage the environment.

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Ky. Medicaid recipients will be required to work
State's GOP governor says the change will be "transformational"; Democratic congressman says 95,000 people will lose coverage.

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Trump cancels journey to U.K., attacks Obama
President cites unhappiness over new U.S. Embassy site, which was decided under G.W. Bush; British opponents say Trump took hint.

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